Big job racket in Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.

928. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :
SHRI J. P. GOYAL :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Big job racket in BCCL', which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated October 6, 1987; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegation made mainly is that large number of persons have got or sought employment in BCCL as SC/ST candidates on the basis of false certificates.

Bharat Coking Coal physically tested/ interviewed 5,714 SC/ST candidates for recruitment, out of which 5,118 were found fit and suitable. However, before giving them employment, their cases were referred to Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad to get the genuineness of their certificates in support of their belonging to SC/ST verified. On receipt of verification report, 2,031 candidates were given employment Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad has not cleared the remaining cases.

Out of Court settlement regarding compensation in Bhopal Gas Tragedy cases

929 SHRI CHAUTRANAN MISHRA :
SHRI N E BALARAM :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state .

(a) whether Government had tried for an out of court settlement regarding payment of compensation to the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy;

(b) if so what are the details and outcome thereof,

(c) whether some eminent jurists have appealed to the Prime Minister not to give up the litigation against the Union Carbide Corporation without proving the company's liability for the disaster; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (d) The Government has seen reports appearing in the press about such an appeal having been made by certain jurists Attorneys for Union of India as well as Union Carbide have been taking follow-up action on the directions given by the District Judge, Bhopal in regard to settlement of the suit against Union Carbide. The District Judge, Bhopal has fixed 18th November, 1987 for reporting the progress made in this regard.

Workers' participation in CIL management

930. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved a Scheme for Workers' participation in the management of Coal India Limited, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) Workers' participation in the Management of Coal India Ltd and its subsidiaries already exists at the colliery and area levels through the Joint Consultative Forums To strengthen further the participative management, it has been decided to nominate 4 Directors on the Boards of Coal India Ltd. and each of its subsidiary coal companies to represent 4 categories of employees, namely semi-skilled/unskilled workers, skilled workers, supervisory personnel and executives The nominees for the Boards of subsidiary companies will be elected by the respective categories of employees who are in the regular service of the companies through secret ballot to be conducted by the Chief Labour Commissioner

of the four categories of worker-Directors of all the subsidiaries will be elected for nomination on the Board of the CIL. There being four categories of worker-Directors, there will be, thus, four worker-Directors on CIL Board. The term of worker-Director will normally be of two years

Rajadhyaksha Committee Report

931. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state·

(a) what is the reaction of Government on the report submitted seven years back by the Rajadhyaksha Committee on Power;

(b) whether any of the recommendations have ben accepted by Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have so far been taken for their implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (c) The Rajadhyaksha Committee on Power has made several recommendations relating to power sector planning, project formulation and implementation, operation and maintenance of power plants, financial performance of State Electricity Boards, rural electrification, research and development, organisation and management of power supply industry. While implementation action on a number of recommendations has been finalised and guidelines issued to the State Governments/State Electricity Boards and other agencies, consultation with the States on implementation of other recommendations involving organisational and statutory changes is proceeding further. A number of States have expressed their reservation about implementation of the structural changes recommended by the Committee.

932 [*Transferred to 25th November*, 1987].

93 [*Transferred to 18th November*, 1987]

Wind Power potential in the Country

934 SHRI AJIT P. K JOGI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the areas with good potential of wind power generation have been identified in the country and if so, in which States adequate quantities of electricity can be generated with wind power;

(b) what is the quantity of wind power generated in the country and what is its percentage in relation to the total energy consumed in the country; and

(c) whether Government are planning to take any fresh initiatives in regard to harassing the wind power and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) According to a preliminary estimate there is potential of over 20 000 MW for wind power generation in the country. Extensive wind surveys are currently underway in different parts of the country. There are indications that in some States, notably Gujarat and Tamil Nadu fairly high potential exists for generation of electricity from wind.

(b) About 8 5 million units of electricity have been generated from the wind farm projects of aggregate capacity 3.63 MW, since their commissioning in 1986. This programme was commenced only in 1986 and hence is in the initial stages. The energy generated is very small compared to the total energy generation of 1,87,005 million units in the country during the year 1986-87.

(c) Though an installed capacity of 25 MW is planned in the Seventh Plan, a larger capacity could be established if sufficient financial resources are made available Efforts are being made for mobilisation of resources including bilateral assistance While several fiscal incentives have already been introduced, other policy initiatives are envisaged to accelerate indigenous production of equipment and facilitate large scale wind power generation and supply to the State grids